

## REMARKS

Claims 1-4, and 6-12 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 6, and 11 being the independent claims.

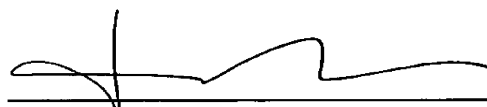
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-5 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over Buck (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,866) in view of Kirsch (U.S. Patent No. 5,659,732). Claims 6-10 were rejected due to double patenting concerns.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the interview. As discussed in the interview with the Examiner, Applicants traverse these rejections, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection of these claims. Applicants have cancelled Claims 5 and 13, and amended Claims 1, 6, and 11, as discussed in the interview with the Examiner. Applicants have also addressed the Examiner's double patenting concerns.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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